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# Letter from Emma Stebbins, Lennox, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1878 July 6

Emma Stebbins

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Leung. Mass. July - 6/78

My Dear Friend,

Since the receipt of  
your letter, I have made a change of base  
as you see above, and am now establish-  
ed in my little cottage, with John Lillan  
and my girl Sallie for companions.  
Not better yet in the change of air, though  
hoping to be - I found excessive heat here  
as at Hydepark, and was hardly equal  
to the journey - The first three days,  
were trying in many ways, living in  
a house which has been closed for more  
than a year, is not easy at first - but  
with time and patience, everything  
comes round - a delicious change of  
temperature has come for one thing &  
now it is more like the climate of the  
Berkshire Hills - and I hope in looking  
up to them, I may find help - as I have  
done before, but my decline, as I look  
back upon it, has been so slow but  
steady - that it is hoping against hope

I note your suggestions about Dr  
Mitchell - his method is not unknown  
to me. If I still continue in this helpless  
helpless way when the Summer is over  
and my Boy goes back to College - I will  
think seriously about committing him,  
though I fear the expense will be beyond  
my present means. Do you know any-  
thing about his charges? or could  
you find out for me from the friend  
you speak of? I should like to know  
if I could choose my own abiding  
place, and have Lallie to take care  
of me. in that case I might do it.

Thanks for all you say about the  
Books - I do not desire better - and  
you may criticize it all you will.  
I know well it is open to much -  
though it has been mercifully spared.  
Esq. sent me a thick package of  
notices, from all parts of the Country



And I was surprised to see how favorable  
they were. But the best I get is from  
private sources - from her friends and  
mine - you don't know how sweet  
they are. Upon the whole I am  
more satisfied than I have ever been  
by anything of my own doing, though  
it has come through difficulties which  
you can hardly dream of.

I hope you will write to me sometimes,  
and do not let your letters be all about  
me only - I am interested in your  
doings and thinkings, and yourself,  
and am always

faithfully yours,

Ed.